

# LAC COURTE OREILLES BAND of LAKE SUPERIOR OJIBWE



## Upcoming Events

### Public Hearing

"LCO Child Care Development Fund"  
Tuesday, June 11, 2013, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
LCO Tribal Building Peter Larson Room  
Hosted by Child Care Department, Cynthia Miller, Income Maintenance Manager, and Tracey Pringle, Child Care Specialist.

This is an opportunity to comment on the existing child care program and give input for the new child care plan that will be administered for Oct. 1, 2013 to Sept. 30, 2015. Copies of plan will be available for review in childcare office.

### Run and Fun

June 17: Run and Fun: Me and My Dad — A Run and Fun Challenge for Dads (and Moms) and their kids. For each family that completes the Challenge, children 5 and under will get a prize and the parent will get a ticket for a chance to win a Kindle Fire HD. Drawing to be held at Community Picnic.

Starts at 5 p.m., no mass run start, just when you get there. Located at the Charles Belille Jr. Memorial Ball Field behind the LCO School. Then head up to the Pavilion by the Tribal Office for the Community Picnic.

### GENERAL ELECTION Saturday, June 15, 2013

The official polling sites for all LCO Tribal Elections are as follows:

**TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

**NEW POST ELDERLY CENTER**  
9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

## UWS Welcomes LCO

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UWS currently offers support to public officials seeking to improve their governance skills. Across northern Wisconsin, several representatives meet for "mini-sessions" to address issues common to governing bodies, including decision-making and democratic processes which are critically important for asserting tribal sovereignty and achieving self-determination.

Terri Kronzer, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and UWS coordinator of the Future Indian Teacher program, also attended the meeting, along with Dianne Sullivan, LCOOCC Regent, Lorene Wielgot, LCO Planning Director, and Roy Jonjak, LCO Educational Planner.

**June 17th, 2013**

**Run @ 5:00**      **Fun!**      **Then go Picnic!**

**Fun!**

**Run and Fun**  
Me and My Dad

**A Run and Fun Challenge for Dad's (and Mom's) and their kids. For each family that completes the Challenge, children 5 and under will get a prize and the parent will get a ticket for a chance to win a Kindle Fire Hd. Drawing to be held after the Community Picnic.**

Sponsored by the LCO EHS Father Outreach Program in celebration of the  
1st Annual National Native American Responsible Fatherhood Day

**Starts at 5:00, no mass run start, just start when you get there. Where? The Charles Belille Jr. Memorial Ball Field next to the LCO School. Then head up to the Pavilion by the Tribal Office for the Community Picnic.**

## Message from the Chairman

In previous General membership meetings I indicated the tribe would conduct a tribal wide audit that has not occurred since 2006. It was stated by the Tribal Governing Board that if the audit revealed serious deficiencies or possible fraud, a forensic audit would be ordered. The Tribal Governing Board followed through with that pledge.



On Friday May 24th the Tribal Council was provided a briefing by the auditors of Midwest Professionals who indicated they have reason to believe Tribal Governing Board signatures were copied and used. *As a result of the discovery, the auditors of Midwest Professionals have recommended a forensic audit.* By reviewing documents it is assumed the copied signatures were used to conduct **unauthorized** money transfers of federal and non-federal funds to other accounts and the forensic audit will reveal where funds went.

The auditors were requested to examine money transfer documents after photocopies of Tribal Council signatures were discovered taped inside of a file cabinet of the former executive directors office. *A copy of the letter from Midwest Professionals is in this newsletter.* The Tribe is now soliciting bids from firms that specialize in this type of forensic audit. In addition we are conducting a professional search for a Chief Financial Officer for the tribe, this will take about four months to complete.

We have serious concerns with regard to past money management practices of the tribe that must be addressed. It's a fact! A tribal wide audit was not performed in seven years. And, because of the problems associated with the Tribe's money management practices and the serious financial internal control issues, the tribe  
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## LCO Election

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**NEW POST ELDERLY CENTER**  
9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

As certified by the Election Committee, candidates in the general election are:

1. Michael "Mic" Isham (316)
2. Russell "Rusty" Barber (220)
3. Brian Bisonette (176)
4. Norma J. Ross (152)
5. Lorraine Gouge (133)
6. Gaiashkibos (113)

We don't know everyone; please have a valid picture I.D. available, preferably your LCO Tribal I.D. Election results will be announced periodically on WOJB and the final results will be posted on the front door of the LCO Tribal Office and on WOJB Radio.

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## First-Ever Spear and Release Project Held May 16th



On the evening of Thursday, May 16th, three anishinaabekweg joined Jason Bisonette and high school science teacher Wendy Torstenson for the first ever spear and release project.

The girls, all of whom are sophomores in Torstenson's Biology class, took to the water on Big Lac Courte Oreilles during the off reservation fishing harvest. The project had

been in the making for several weeks, starting with discussion of tribal sovereignty, tribal fish declarations, lake bio-diversity, and even a practical application of spearing technique involving the sacrifice of several oranges in the parking lot.

While on the water, the novices were given an opportunity to spear numerous walleye and a musky. One of the goals was to harvest a female walleye, which proved difficult to do, in order to express the eggs. Fellow Lac Courte Oreilles spearkers on the lake that night donated a few females. After 33 walleyes and donated females, we retired to the landing where we were able to draw both the eggs from a female and milt from a male to start the fertilization process.

The fertilized eggs can now be seen in the *(continued on page 15)*

## LCO Employee Quarterly Award Winners Announced



Winners pictured: Megan Taylor, LCO Vocational Rehabilitation; Richard Wolfe, Sr., LCO Clinic; Dale DeBrot, LCO Clinic; Fedencio Alamilla Antonia, LCO Casino. Not pictured: Dianne Sharlow. Winners here are joined by Tribal Governing Board members Bill Morrow (far left) and Mic Isham (far right).



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May 23, 2013

Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board  
13394 W. Trepania Road  
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The purpose of this letter is to communicate the limited procedures and scope of services provided by Midwest Professionals, PLLC in relation to the review of transfer authorization forms, and to communicate the results of those procedures.

In the process of performing the fiscal year 2012 special revenue audit (Single Audit) we were presented by management specific transfer authorization forms. We were also provided images of signatures that had been cut-out. We did not discover these cut-out signatures and cannot provide any assurance as to where they were found or who was in possession of them during the time these transfers were authorized. The procedures we were asked to undertake by the TGB and management were limited to reviewing the transfer authorization forms in order to form a professional opinion as to whether or not the cut-out signatures had been used to authorize the transfers, identifying the programs involved in each transfer, and identifying the documented purpose for each transfer.

We reviewed x transfers as noted below:

Program	Transfer No.	Transfer In/(Out)	Purpose
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Upon reviewing the transfers noted above we have concluded that, in our professional opinion, the signatures used to authorize the related transfer authorization forms appear to be photo copies of the cut-out signatures discussed in the second paragraph of this letter. However, we do not purport to be experts in these matters and recommend that the Board consider contracting with an independent firm to perform a forensic audit.

This letter is intended solely for the information and use of the TGB and management of the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

Midwest Professionals, P.L.L.C.

## Congratulations Graduates!



I am very proud of my Grand-daughter Susie Jane Taylor. She has graduated from the LCO Community College with an Associates

Degree in Nursing Studies. She also has her CNA Certificate and is determined to succeed in the Nursing Program. She has been accepted to the Daytona State College of Florida.

Susie has had her mind set on being a nurse since early high school. She has always spent her extra time doing things for others. Her family values are high, with her son "McKayl" being her main focus in life. She has always been faithful to recognize what is good and wrong for her to go forward with a clear outlook on her future. I hope she will set a standard for others who want to do things and think they can't achieve success. You just have to keep your goals in front of you, study hard and move on.

We are blessed to have Susie and have high regards for her future. I am also very proud of all the graduates in my family this spring. My Daughter, Susan Margaret Young graduated from Ashford College with a Bachelor of Sociology. This is a great accomplishment for her as she has spent the last two years working diligently towards her degree, which was a hardship for her and her family. No matter what it takes, it is something they accomplish on their own.

Megan Grace Taylor is my daughter-n-law. She has worked hard for her master's degree. At the age of 25, she received her Masters of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling in January from the University of North Texas. Although it doesn't seem so hard for Megan because she always seems so confident and everything comes so easy for her. She never showed the stress involved with having a family and still being able to concentrate on her studies.

They all have accomplished their goals and should be proud of themselves! Congratulations and the same to all who graduated in 2013!

*Cindy R. Taylor*



## UW Superior Welcomes Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Government

University of Wisconsin – Superior Chancellor Faith Hensrud welcomed tribal representatives headed by Chairman Gordon Thayer and Councilman Rusty Barber to the third in a series of meetings designed to establish closer working relationships between the college and the tribe. Seeking to "Create and Foster a Culture of Respect" across communities for the purpose of "Making Excellence Inclusive," UWS has been reaching out to the tribe to formalize joint efforts in governance, education, entrepreneurship, and long-range planning.

The first of these efforts led to the Future Indian Teachers Project, a collaboration between LCO Ojibwe Community College, UWS, and Tribal Government. Funded for \$1.2M, this effort will certify 15 Indian teachers by the end of 2016, including 5 teachers who will be Ojibwe immersion teachers.

Future collaboration will extend training to certify more Indian teachers and administrators, with UWS suggesting it could double the number of participants within two years. With only 90 Native students currently enrolled, UWS could increase its Native enrollment by more than a third. Getting students enrolled, however, is only an initial step. It is well understood that support for those enrolled is very critical, since "access without support is not opportunity" (Engstrom & Tinto, 2008).

Other educational collaborations will focus on preschool through post-college initiatives. Chairman Thayer suggested the LCO LEARN Commission might address this collaboration in a new effort to move beyond "the talk stage"

## ATTENTION

Notice of Public Hearing  
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WHERE: LCO Tribal Administration Building in the Peter Larson Room / Child Care Department

Cynthia Miller, Income Maintenance Manager  
Tracey Pringle, Child Care Specialist

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\*Copies of plan will be available for review in childcare office\*

and into "the action phase" where specific projects will be assigned to the Commission. Currently, more than 25 educational agencies serving LCO youth are represented on this committee, but it has not been charged with any specific projects until data -- which is now being collected -- will be shared to help define problems before the Commission is charged with proposing solutions.

Rusty Barber addressed the importance of collaborating on economic initiatives, including entrepreneurs, which might help the tribe diversify its economy and increase employment. In particular, he sees how the Oneida white corn company can serve as a model for establishing such tribally-owned businesses. Lorene Wielgot also discussed the need for an extended degree effort in Business Administration.

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## Meet Your Tribal Governing Board Candidates



Boozhoo My Relatives,

My name is **Russell "Rusty" Barber**.

I am asking for your support for re-election to the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing

Board. I would like to continue representing the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe, and pursue the best interests of our Anishinabe people.

I am presently serving as Chairperson on the LCO/Sawyer County Transit Commission, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Intertribal Task Force, and I act as liaison to the College; Half-Way House; Department of Corrections; Enrollment; Tribal Roads and many others.

I would like to continue to be a team player on the Tribal Governing Board to successfully work towards improving our way of life and preserving our tradition and culture. Through teamwork, many changes have been made such as our tribal ID cards, tribal flag and tribal license plates. These changes were made to instill a sense of pride in who we are as Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Members.

Over the years you may have noticed many changes at Lac Courte Oreilles, such as – a Law Enforcement Department, the C-Store, the Landing renovation, Casino renovation and child support services to name a few. These changes were not made by one individual alone, but through the efforts of a team.

Over my 55 years in this world, I have witnessed a decline in our culture and language. I have new hope now! The efforts of the Waadookadading Language Immersion School has been without a doubt inspiring! Our children and parents are bringing back all that is sacred to us as Anishinabe - our language, culture and ceremonies. We are being looked at and admired by several people and organizations throughout the United States and the world. Let us continue to support these efforts.

### Personal Goals:

- Continue to find new innovating ways to increase tribal revenue
- Increase job opportunities
- Improved health care
- Upgrade present housing
- New home construction
- Upgrade wastewater treatment plant
- Support culture and language
- Continue to represent our tribe at local, state and federal levels
- Support our youth and communities

The needs of our Tribe are many. Our elders need an assisted living facility, children need playgrounds, our young adults need an opportunity to work and encouragement to tackle the future knowing we are behind them.

With your support, I will be honored to continue representing our Tribe at all levels of government.

Miigwech,  
Russell "Rusty" Barber



Lydia Kessenich a junior at the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School has been awarded The Harvard Book Award. This award recognizes students with the highest grade point average as the top performing student. The award has been in existence since 1910. Lydia's award was given by the Native American Alumni of Harvard University.

## ATTENTION

Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board Offers **\$5,000 Reward** for Arson Information

The Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board has issued a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) responsible for the destructive arsons targeting spiritual and religious sites on the Lac Courte Oreilles reservation in July 2012.

Anyone with information is encouraged to help with the investigation by calling the Sawyer County Anonymous Tip Line at (715) 634-8477.



## Lac Courte Oreilles Recognizes Veterans, Holds Memorial Day Ceremony at New Veteran's Monument Grounds



## 2013 Lac Courte Oreilles Annual Youth and Education Golf Classic Held June 1st at Big Fish Golf Club



## Babaamiziwin Wiindamaageng: Reporting on Business

by David Fleming Sr., MBA, Lac Courte Oreilles Business Manager

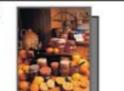
Boozhoo! Welcome to "Reporting on the business", a regular column to discuss the business happenings in Lac Courte Oreilles and business in general. Our tribal businesses are working towards continuous improvement and LCO is lucky to have some good managers at the helm. Our goal is to create vibrant, successful businesses that create good quality jobs and contribute to our own Tribal independence. Over the next few months and years you will see positive changes taking place at our enterprises; which you may have already noticed. We are also striving to create opportunities for entrepreneurs and growing businesses in LCO. Stay tuned to Babaamiziwin Wiindamaageng for the latest news in business; locally, regionally, and across the country. Remember to shop locally and buy Native! Miigwech!

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### Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College Extension Programming Calendar Ode'imini-giizis (June) 2013 Time for Picking Strawberry Moon



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Interested in community supported agriculture? Touring the college farm? Want to sign up for a community garden plot? Call us! LCOOCC Extension offers many programs! New for 2013 is pasture poultry and meat-bird chicken co-ops! We also sell eggs! \$2 per dozen! The farm is located on Froemel Road or call 715-634-4790 Ext 156					Canoeing Harvest birch bark Farm??	1
2 	3 Food Preservation Freezing Produce Room 507 (12-1pm)	4	5 	6 Straw Bale Container Gardening Farm 5-7:30pm	7 Farmers Market LCO IGA Parking Lot 10am-2pm	8 
9 *Register by 6/5 Porcupine Roach Making 10am-3pm Peter Larson Room	10	11	12 Chef Al Elder Nutrition Site Reserve 11:00am	13 Birch Bark Gathering 4:30-7:30 LCOOCC Farm	14 Farmers Market LCO IGA Parking Lot 10am-2pm	15
16 	17 Making Jams & Jellies Webinar Room 507 (12-1pm)	18 	19	20 	21 Farmers Market LCO IGA Parking Lot 10am-2pm	22 
23	24	25 	26 Grill It! With Chef Al Farm—5pm-7pm	27 Organic Weed Control 5-7:30pm LCOOCC Farm	28 Farmers Market! Birch Bark Basket Making—Farm 5-7:30pm	29 Hoophouse Building Workshop LCOOCC Farm 9am-5pm
30	All Workshops are FREE and open to the COMMUNITY! Pre-registration is required: Call 715-634-4790 Ext 156 or email marlowa@lco.edu. Workshops with few registered participants are subject to cancellation. We can provide transportation! Call us! 715-634-4790 Ext 156					

LCO Youth Council meets every Wednesday Peter Larson Room (5-7pm) Become our Friend on Facebook — "LCOOCC Extension," for current activities listing, information, & photos

## Meet Your Tribal Governing Board Candidates



Vote **Gaiashkibos**  
LCO General Election, Saturday, June 15, 2013

My strategic four year LCO business plan focuses on Jobs, Health, Natural Resources

I, as your representative on the Tribal Council, will:

- Work diligently for you everyday, giving you my All
- Make sure the meetings are open to the membership; with limited waiting to our Elders
- Be accountable to you in all my decisions and treat everybody fairly

and Culture.

I will push forward to:

- Seek funding and construct a new state-of-the-art Health and Wellness Center for our members
- Construct and operate a Nursing Home for our Elders
- Develop the Hideout property in order to create job opportunities
- Restructure and provide an increase in elderly honorariums
- Ensure fairness in emergency assistance to all Tribal members
- Increase the musical and theatrical arts opportunities for all of our students
- Enact a comprehensive review of all Tribal timber harvest

You, the People of LCO, have the right to expect:

- Open, transparent, accountable tribal governance
- Reliable and hard work by those that represent you and act on your behalf
- Professional service and cordial treatment by all members of the Tribal Council

Your support is imperative! I am running for you, the People of LCO, your families and our future!

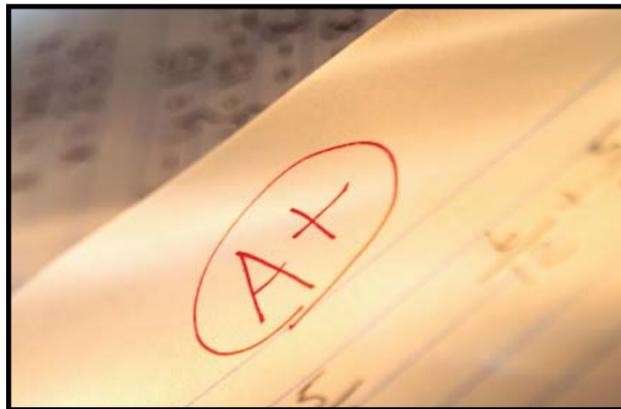
Standing up for what is right  
Fighting for the People of LCO  
Vote Gaiashkibos!  
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**Editor's Note:** Only two candidate statements were received for publication in the June issue of the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal newsletter. Please visit the Official Lac Courte Oreilles Facebook page for the very latest from candidates and to read statements as they are released leading up to the June 15th General Election.

## Read Tribal Newsletter Online

Read the Tribal Newsletter online at the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Government website at [www.lco-nsn.gov](http://www.lco-nsn.gov). Find the newsletter link under LCO News. Read it on your PC, phone or tablet and download it to read later or on the go. Also available online for download and printing.

## Lac Courte Oreilles Awarded Dept. of \$1.4M Education Grant



Chairman Gordon Thayer announced that Lac Courte Oreilles is the recipient of a five-year \$1.4M Department of Education grant. The “Native American and Alaska Native Children in School Program” (NAM) is awarded to improve language skills of students attending LCO Ojibwe School and Waadookodaading. In addition, the grant will support efforts to implement Data-Driven Decision-Making through the LCO LEARN Commission, an educational advancement and research network established by Tribal Government in 2012 to coordinate efforts of more than 25 educational programs serving tribal youth.

Across the United States, Native children struggle with English as it is taught in school. This affects how well they read and write from the time they start school until they finish. The LCO NAM Grant specifically targets preschool and precollege language instruction to close the achievement gap that persists between LCO children and their peers.

In preschool and early elementary, immersion strategies used at Waadookodaading are very promising in closing this gap, since learning two languages early helps students perform

better in both. This grant will allow for the further development of Ojibwe curriculum and instructional materials by hiring a translator and curriculum specialist familiar with immersion teaching.

College Readiness is a second emphasis of the grant, and funding will provide for an accelerated English program at LCO Ojibwe School in grades 6-12. Dual Enrollment options will give students the opportunity to complete college foundation courses in English while still attending high school. Grant funds will be used to hire an acceleration teacher and a dual enrollment instructor.

Data-driven decision-making is the third grant component. Funding will allow the LEARN Commission to define problems and implement solutions collaboratively. Success will be measured in terms of improved student performance, with the goal of eliminating remaining achievement gaps within the coming decade.

The grant was written by Dr. Roy Jonjak with the assistance of Dennis White, Craig Euneau and Brooke Ammann.

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## LaRush Recognized for Participation in Mississippi River Walk



Barbara LaRush (center) is joined by Tribal Governing Board Secretary Mic Isham (right) at the May 15th recognition ceremony.

Barbara LaRush of Lac Courte Oreilles joined others from across the nation to participate in the 2013 Mississippi River Walk, a long-distance trek to raise awareness of water quality issues. Starting in Lake Itasca State Park in Minnesota on March 1, walkers traveled the length of the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico.

LaRush was recognized May 15th at a ceremony in the Peter Larson room of the Tribal Office. The ceremony included a luncheon with an Honor Song by the LCO Badger Singers and plaque presentation by the Tribal Governing Board.

## LCO HS Student Council Cleans Veterans Memorial, Grounds

On Friday, May 24th, members of the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe High School Student Council spent the morning demonstrating their respect for the contributions of LCO tribal veterans as they cleaned up the area around the Veterans Memorial located at the Tribal Office Pavilion.

Students scrubbed the memorial, raked up and replaced the mulch and planted flowers in the planters. The idea for the project came from sophomore Student Council representative Casandra Carley after she visited the memorial with the U.S. History class in April on the way to the WWII museum in Superior, Wis.

The students were eager to be involved in

the event and honored to see the names of family members displayed on the memorial. The five students that helped in the clean-up effort were Student Council President Robert Jenkins, Vice-President Cody Potack, Sophomore class representatives Bill Jack Parent and Casandra Carley, and Freshman representative Bird Parent.

Flowers and supplies were purchased by the Student Council with funds earned from the Valentine’s Day Flower Sale.

Jason Bisonette and Jessica Hutchinson helped to organize the event.

## Message from the Chairman (continued from page 1)

had been operating in restricted status with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for many years. Over the years the tribe lost in excess of one million dollars of bounced check charges of **unauthorized** transfer of funds. I use the word "unauthorized" because the funds were often transferred using photocopied signatures. The forensic audit will reveal where the funds went. The former Chief Financial Officer resigned in 2012 under frustration that he was not provided the authority to carry out best practice accounting principles.

Bad accounting practices of the past cannot be continued nor tolerated, however we are taking appropriate steps to address the issue and bringing back financial stability to the tribe. To date, we made considerable progress in restoring the financial health of the Tribe.

With regard to the Tribal Health Center, assumptions are made by the Clinic Finance Office that the tribe owes 1.2 million to the clinic for funds that were sent over in prior years. However, after detailed review by the former interim CFO a CPA from the Clifton Larson Allen Firm specified the funds are not in the tribal accounts and were presumed to be dispersed into other accounts to cover shortages. The forensic audit will uncover this discrepancy as well. This problem is also part of the same problem which involves the photocopied TGB signatures on unauthorized tribal government funds transfer forms. I will not belabor this matter. However, there are many rumors now that the election is near and issues and facts must be placed on the table for open review.

With regard to the clinic operations, I will summarize where we are at:

Following the termination of the doctor, (the former Chief Medical Officer), for excessive drug prescribing, much unrest evolved at the clinic and we are taking steps to provide stable operations. The former Health Director (gaiashkibos) was placed on paid investigative leave by the now defunct health board. The investigation revealed that no wrong-doing was determined to have been done by the former Health Director, however his contract expired and it was not renewed. The Governing Board subsequently contracted with him to undertake a capital campaign for a new 35,000 sq. ft. clinic and help improve 3rd party billing.

A New Health Director was hired and assumes his position on June 4th. His name is Gregg Duffek. He will be introduced in the July issue of the Newsletter. The new physician was recently hired and he will start part-time service in June and come on board full time in July as the Chief Medical Officer. Another doctor will begin his full time service in August. Three other temporary doctors will serve the clinic during June and July. In lieu of a health board, the clinic will have a professional medical advisory team to assist in providing Best Practice Clinic Operations.

On Memorial Day a great turn out of tribal members and guests celebrated the second phase dedication of the Veterans Memorial. A special tribute was paid to the World War II Veterans who occupied the front row during the celebration. I express my sincere appreciation to the planning team and Sara Balbin, including LCO Development for a great job. The final dedication will be held on Veterans Day in November.



### CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

NAME	VOTES	NAME	VOTES
1. Michael "Mic" Isham	316	11. William Morrow	90
2. Russell "Rusty" Barber	220	12. Donald Corbine	84
3. Brian Bisonette	176	13. Darryl Coons, Sr.	79
4. Norma J. Ross	152	14. Elaine Smith	65
5. Lorraine Gouge	133	15. Cynthia Smith (Miller)	60
6. Gaiashkibos	113	16. Susan Aasen	59
7. Jason Schlender	110	17. Terry Tribble	57
8. Dianne Sullivan	109	18. Robert Sander	33
9. Alan "Bodie" LaRush	102	19. Lori Taguma	33
10. Mike DeNasha	90	20. Ramona Morrow	32

Write In Votes

Julie Taylor	1	Louis Taylor	1	Tom Carley	1
Dianah Ton	1	David L. DeNasha	5	Gilligan	1
Anthony Price	4	Harvey Dent	1	Lynette Tribble	2
Sam Sprage	2	Rose Oshogay	2	Gary Clause	1
Mark Thayer	2	Darren Kagigebi	1	Dianah Cross	2
Justin Gordon	2	Marsha Pringle	1		

We, the undersigned, hereby certify the election results to be as accurate as to the best of our ability for the 2013 Election. Attached is the official Observer Certification.

MAY 23, 2013  
Date  
Sharon Stars  
Chairperson  
Daniel Gouge  
Member  
MARCY GOUGE (absent)  
Member

Deanna Baker  
Member  
Stephen C. Crane  
Member  
Julie Bluckey  
Member  
Barbara E. Jacobe  
Enrollment Clerk

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## Spear and Release (continued from page 14)

high school science room. In about three weeks the walleye fry will emerge and will be released to the LCO fish hatchery. Once fingerling length, the walleye will be returned to Big Lac Courte Oreilles.

With the fish on ice, the girls showed up the next day eager to start filleting. They all helped clean and package the fish and honored the mission of the school by giving the vast majority of their fish away.

This project is an ongoing curriculum that illustrates how traditional Ojibwe education and values can lay a foundation for our mainstream curriculum. We would like to thank the teachers that supported the project, LCO Conservation for permits and guidance, boat driver Brian Bisonette, and the GLIFWC wardens for taking teachers and Principal Craig Euneau on the water.

### LCO Constitution Now Available for Download, Printing from LCO Website

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